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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH SADAT

REF: (A) STATE 246662, (B) AMMAN 7573

1. MY DISCUSSION WITH SADAT ON POINTS RAISED IN
PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER ARE BEING REPORTED SEPTEL.
THIS MESSAGE ADDRESSES ITSELF TO THE REMAINING POINTS
SET FORTH REF A.

2. SETTLEMENTS FREEZE: DRAWING ON STATE 245187, I
BRIEFED SADAT ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE STILL
UNRESOLVED QUESTION OF THE SETTLEMENTS FREEZE. I
REASSURED HIM THAT THE U.S. POSITION IS UNCHANGED AND
THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO URGE THE ISRAELIS TO RESPOND
ALONG THE LINES OF OUR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT PRIMIN
BEGIN ACCEPTED AT CAMP DAVID. SADAT KNEW ABOUT THE
UNRESOLVED SETTLEMENTS CONTROVERSY AND VOICED GRATIFICA-
TION THAT OUR POSITION IS UNCHANGED.

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3. SECRETARY'S TALKS: I THEN BRIEFED SADAT IN GENERAL
TERMS DN THE CONSULTATIONS THE SECRETARY AND ATHERTON
HAVE HAD WITH THE JORDANIANS, SAUDIS AND SYRIANS. HE
WAS VERY INTERESTED AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION. WHEN I
MENTIONED PRINCE FAHD'S PROFESSED CONCERN THAT WHAT IS
NEEDED ARE ASSURANCES THAT AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS
ISRAEL WILL WITHDRAW TOTALLY AND LEAVE THE PALESTINIANS

TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN LIVES, SADAT SCOFFED. HE COMMENTED THIS IS NOT THE SAUDI POSITION WHICH HAS REGULARLY BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE EGYPTIANS. FAHD, HE CLAIMED, WAS TALKING FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION AND TO ENABLE THE SAUDIS TO CLAIM THEY HAVE MADE THIS POINT TO THE AMERICANS. THE SAUDIS, HE NOTED, ARE ADEPT AT TRYING TO MAINTAIN A PUBLIC BALANCE BETWEEN DIVERSE ARAB POSITIONS. PRIVATELY THEY ARE "SCARED TO DEATH" THAT EXTREMISTS, INCLUDING THE PLO, WILL GO AFTER THEM. (I DETECTED A NEW AND UNUSUAL TRACE OF IMPATIENCE WITH THE SAUDI POSITION. TIME CORRESPONDENT WILTON WYNN, WHO FLEW BACK FROM WASHINGTON WITH SADAT, TOLD POL COUNSELOR THAT SADAT WAS FURIOUS ON THE RETURN FLIGHT BECAUSE OF THE SAUDI PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS. SADAT MADE NO MENTION OF THIS TO ME, BUT WAS CLEARLY STILL ANNOYED ABOUT THE SAUDI POSITION.) SADAT WAS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF KING HUSSEIN AND PRESIDENT ASSAD'S REACTION. HE SAID THAT HE WILL BE INTERESTED IN A FULLER BRIEFING WHEN ATHERTON ARRIVES.

4. EGYPTIAN EXCHANGES WITH SAUDIS AND JORDANIANS: I ASKED WHAT, IF ANY, EXCHANGES HE MAY HAVE HAD WITH SAUDIS OR JORDANIANS SINCE CAMP DAVID MEETING. WERE THERE ANY PLANS, FOR EXAMPLE, TO SEND EGYPTIAN EMISSARIES TO EITHER TAIF OR AMMAN? NOTED I UNDERSTOOD THAT KING
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HUSSEIN FEELS A BIT SLIGHTED AT NOT HAVING BEEN CONSULTED DURING CAMP DAVID CONSULTATIONS AND EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO TRY TO ASSUAGE THE KING'S HURT FEELINGS. SADAT SAID THAT HE HAD YESTERDAY SENT A LETTER TO PRINCE FAHD EXPLAINING IN DETAIL THE BACKGROUND AND SUBSTANCE OF THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS. HE INSTRUCTED USAMA AL BAZ, WHO WAS PRESENT FOR LATTER PART OF OUR CONVERSATION, TO PROVIDE ME WITH A COPY OF THE LETTER TO FAHD. (AL BAZ PROMISED TO DO SO LATER TODAY AND WE WILL TELEGRAPH TEXT WHEN TRANSLATED FROM ARABIC.)

5. RE HUSSEIN, SADAT SAID THAT HE HAD INITIALLY PLANNED TO SEND VP MUBARAK TO AMMAN TO EXPLAIN WHAT HAD BEEN DONE. HE DECIDED AGAINST DOING SO AFTER HUSSEIN'S "INSTANTANEOUS" PUBLIC CRITISM OF THE CAMP DAVID DOCUMENTS. DOING SO IN THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD HAVE GIVEN HUSSEIN THE IMPRESSION THAT EGYPT IS WOOING FOR THE KING'S SUPPORT AND WOULD HAVE ENABLED HUSSEIN TO PLAY COY. SADAT IS, HOWEVER, SENDING TO HUSSEIN TODAY THE SAME LETTER WHICH WAS SENT TO FAHD YESTERDAY AND GOE WILL PUBLICIZE THAT THIS HAS BEEN DONE. HE AGREED THAT

THERE SHOULD BE RESTRAINT ON EGYPTIAN PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON JORDAN, BUT WARNED THAT EGYPT WILL RESPOND TO ANY FURTHER PUBLIC CRITICISMS THAT HUSSEIN OR THE JORDANIANS LEVEL AT HIM OR AT THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT HUSSEIN HAS PROBLEMS, SADAT REITERATED THAT HE HAS LONG KNOWN THE KING--HUSSEIN WANTS OTHERS TO DO HIS "DIRTY WORK" FOR HIM.

6. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT REPEAT THIS MESSAGE TO AMMAN AND JIDDA FOR INFO. EILTS

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